

RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

1 COR 14:18-25

1 Cor 14:18 Paul's is not undervaluing or belittling the gift of tongues.

He was often endowed with this sign gift.

1 Cor 14:19 *Teach*: to resound; to impress it upon one by word of mouth; to instruct by word of mouth

Others: My own spiritual experience of speaking in tongues is not as important as the edifying of others.

Wiersbe: *The issue was not quantity of words, but quality of communication.*

1 Cor 14:20 Become a man in your thinking and become a child in the attitude of malice.

Children are known for coming to faulty conclusions.

Mt. Hen: *They are taken with an outward show, without inquiring into the true nature and worth of things.*

In malice be ye children: Little ones don't hold grudges

Barnes: *Be as free from malice, from any ill will toward others, from envy, and every improper passion as they are.*

1 Cor 14:21 *In the Law*: Prophecy given Isaiah to Judah in Isa 28:11-13

Warning to Judah. If not change, God will allow same thing to happen to them.

Judah violated God's commandment to be separate

Heathenism rampant

Hearts turning away from God.

Isaiah gives prophetic announcement of God's coming judgment.

You have crossed line with God.

Judgment evidenced by speaking of another language. Dt. 28:49 Jer 5:15

Jews knew that when they were addressed in their homeland by foreign languages this meant God warning them of impending judgment.

1 Cor 14:22 *Not to them that believe*: Not for believers!

Sign: distinguishing mark by which something is known; token; indication; mark of genuineness; confirmation of warning.

Signs given for Jews. 1 Cor 1:22 Mat 12:38,39 Mat 16:1 John 2:18-19

Jesus gave them sign of His resurrection.

Tongues given to Jews as sign or mark of authenticity.

Sign of coming judgment from God.

Fulfilled approximately 15 years after 1 Corinthians was written.

70 AD--Titus, Roman general plundered Jerusalem and murdered at least 1 million Jews and took thousands captive.

Destroyed, plundered and desecrated Temple.

Burned city to the ground

Lk. 19:42-44 42 years before destruction of Temple. Mat 24:1,2

Time Line: Sign to Unbelieving Jews

Dt 28 1423 BC

700 years

Is 28 727 BC

100 years

Jer 5 623 BC
 650 years
 Mt 24/Lk 19 28 AD
 Acts 2 30 AD
 11 years
 Acts 10 41 AD
 15 years
 1 Cor 55-57 AD
 Acts 19 57 AD
 Paul Died June 29, 67 or 68 AD
 Jerusalem Destroyed 70 AD

1500 years after the 1st prophecy was issued

Sign of: Impending judgment , blessings , authority.

1 Cor 14:23 *Unlearned*: ignorant, rude, unlearned. Immature believers

***Unbelievers*:** unsaved; ***Mad*:** To be in a raving state as a maniac

1 Cor 14:24-25 *If all prophesy*, If emphasis has to do with proclaiming Word of ...*there come in ...* Unsaved or immature Christian who not know God's Word

Response to the Message

1. Conviction. Brought to deep sense of depravity and sinfulness before an almighty, holy God.
 People confronted with truth of Word and error ...conscience aroused. Brought to place of extreme guilt
 Of all: Of all who are speaking
 Confrontational preaching.
 Barnes: *He will see its truth and force, and he will be satisfied of the truth of Christianity.*
2. Judgment. *Judged*: Scrutinized, investigated, investigated
 Mac. *People are judged on the basis of their response.*
3. Repentance ... *secrets of his heart made manifest.*
 Secret, most private feelings and thoughts brought to surface and laid bare before God.
 Manifest: apparent. Light is turned on.
4. Outward Evidence: Physical response.
5. Worship: Do obeisance to. Attitude of submission to God. Confessing, praising, exalting Him as the true God. Total confession of faith.
6. Report: Declare, testify, tell others.

So what?

Bigger picture? Edification!!!

Proclamation of Word of God preeminent!

1. Conviction
2. Judgment
3. Repentance
4. Response
5. Worship
6. Declaration